



The life of the church mirrors the gospel pattern in the life of a disciple.

This is

demonstrated in our **order of worship** (the bulletin you are holding): Opening moments offer recognition of the greatness and goodness of God that naturally folds into confession, assurance of pardon, songs of thanksgiving, instruction, and a charge to serve God in response to His grace in Christ.



Paul insists that Christians have already come to fullness of life simply through faith in Christ. We will continue to grow as we understand and are thankful for Christ's work. Without gratitude for Christ's work there will be no change and no possibility of change. Thanksgiving is fundamental.

Why is thankfulness the basis for change? Because it alone can soften our hearts which are so rebellious toward God and His law. In appreciation for God's mercy to us in Christ, we are to give our lives to serve and obey God. Paul says, "I appeal to you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God—which is your spiritual worship" (Romans 12:1).

Ronald Macaulay & Jeremiah Barrs, *Being Human*

Order of Worship

November 26, 2017

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

SMPC Music Team

Celebrating His Presence



We believe everyone **worships** something and that we will inevitably imitate and serve what we worship.



Preparation for Worship

Call to Worship

He Is Exalted

He is exalted, the King is exalted on high, I will praise Him.
He is exalted, forever exalted and I will praise His name.
He is the Lord, forever His truth shall reign.
Heaven and earth rejoice in His holy name.
He is exalted, the King is exalted on high.

(repeat)

Invocation

A Gospel Moment

The Prayer of Confession and Repentance

O Lord, no day of my life has passed that has not proved me guilty in Your sight. Prayers have been uttered from a prayerless heart, praise uttered by my lips has often been from a heart void of worship, my best services are filthy rags. Blessed Jesus, let me find a cover in Your appeasing wounds—for though my sins rise to heaven, Your merits soar above them. Though my unrighteousness weighs me down to hell, Your righteousness exalts me to Your throne. All things in me call for my rejection, yet all things in You plead my acceptance.

I appeal from the throne of perfect justice to Your throne of boundless grace. Grant that I might hear Your voice assuring me: that by Your stripes I am healed, that You have been made sin for me that I might be righteous in You, that my sins, though many and grievous, are all forgiven, buried in the ocean of Your concealing blood. I am guilty—but pardoned; lost—but saved; wandering—but found; sinning—but cleansed. Give me broken-heartedness for my sins, keep me always clinging to Your cross, flood me every moment with descending grace. Open to me the springs of divine knowledge, sparkling like crystal, flowing clear and unsullied through my wilderness of life.



*The **gospel moment** is a time we use to remind people of the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. By His*

obedience we are justified, and by His death we are reconciled to God. As we apprehend this we are ready to confess our sin.



*Since we understand that we are redeemed sinners, we agree with God about our sin to the end that we might be confirmed in the forgiveness and absolution we have in Christ. This pattern of **confession** makes way for affirmation and confirmation of God's covenant promise that He assures every believer of pardon for the sake of Christ's obedience and substitution*





For assurance of pardon, the man who has faith is the man who is no longer looking at himself and no longer looking to himself. He looks entirely to the Lord Jesus Christ and His finished work, and rests on that alone". –Martyn Lloyd-Jones



Assurance of Pardon

People: Thanks be to God!

God, Be Merciful to Me

God, be merciful to me, on Thy grace I rest my plea;
Plenteous in compassion Thou, blot out my transgressions now;
Wash me, make me pure within, cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.

My transgressions I confess, grief and guilt my soul oppress;
I have sinned against Thy grace and provoked Thee to Thy face;
I confess Thy judgment just, speechless, I Thy mercy trust.

I am evil, born in sin; Thou desirest truth within.
Thou alone my Savior art, teach Thy wisdom to my heart;
Make me pure, Thy grace bestow, wash me whiter than the snow.

The Blessing

Minister: The grace of God be with you.

People: And also with you.

Greeting One Another in the Name of the Lord

Experiencing Renewal

Amazing Love!

My Lord, what love is this that pays so dearly;
That I, the guilty one may go free? (*chorus*)

And so they watched Him die despised, rejected;
But O, the blood He shed flowed for me. (*chorus*)

And now this love of Christ shall flow like rivers;
Come wash your guilt away, live again.

Chorus: Amazing love, O what sacrifice,
The Son of God, giv'n for me;
My debt He pays and my death He dies,
That I might live, that I might live.

(last time repeat chorus)

That I might live.

All Who Are Thirsty

All who are thirsty, all who are weak,
Come to the fountain. Dip your heart in the stream of life.
Let the pain and the sorrow—be washed away
In the waves of His mercy *as deep cries out to deep.

Chorus: We sing come, Lord Jesus, come. Come, Lord Jesus, come.
Come, Lord Jesus, come. Come, Lord Jesus, come.

(repeat all)

*(*repeat at asterisk into chorus)*



Now that we
have reenacted
the story of the
gospel as a
church
community, we
now **experience**
the renewal
merited for us by
Jesus Christ.
We express this
renewal in our
singing praises
to Jesus for His
great mercy
towards us.





Jesus, our shepherd,
prays with us
and for us. We
pray the
pastoral
prayer
expecting the
Holy Spirit to
minister Jesus'
benefits to us
as He prays for
us.



Pastoral Prayer

Song of Preparation to Hear God's Word



Children 4-5
years old are
dismissed to
Children's
Church during
the song



How Deep the Father's Love for Us

How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure;
That He should give His only Son to make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss, the Father turns His face away;
As wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory.

Behold the Man upon a cross, my sin upon His shoulders;
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there until it was accomplished;
His dying breath has brought me life – I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything, no gifts, no pow'r, no wisdom;
But I will boast in Jesus Christ, His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer.
But this I know with all my heart: His wounds have paid my ransom.

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Receiving of Tithes and Offerings



Receiving of tithes and offerings is not an "add on" to the service. It is part of worship. We demonstrate our trust in God's present provision and hope in our future with Him by supporting the spread of the gospel.



Song of Response

Grace Alone

Ev'ry promise we can make, ev'ry prayer and step of faith,
Ev'ry difference we will make is only by His grace.
Ev'ry mountain we will climb, ev'ry ray of hope we shine,
Ev'ry blessing left behind is only by His grace.

Chorus: Grace alone which God supplies, strength unknown He will provide.
Christ in us, our Cornerstone, we will go forth in grace alone.

Ev'ry soul we long to reach, ev'ry heart we hope to teach,
Everywhere we share His peace is only by His grace.
Ev'ry loving word we say, ev'ry tear we wipe away,
Ev'ry sorrow turned to praise is only by His grace.

(repeat chorus twice)

The Guidelines to receiving the **Lord's Supper** can be found on the last page of the bulletin.

Celebrating the Lord's Supper

(Please note that the outer ring is juice and the inner rings are wine; the bread is gluten free)



The **Benediction** is a pronouncement of God's favor upon His assembled people.



Benevolence Offering

Benediction

